



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2025



Welcome to Year 1! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to having a wonderful year working together. We hope that this newsletter will help to keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share information and letters with you, we will use the 'Studybugs' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number and email address for you. Important dates are to be found on the reverse of this letter so please make a note of these. Important dates can also be found easily by going to www.pegasusacademytrust.org and clicking on the 'calendar' tab at the top of the page.

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'I want my hat back' by John Klassen and 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy to help inspire our writing. We have a fantastic 'Moon Day' planned when the children blast off to space and meet an alien themselves! We will also be looking at information books to find out some facts about space travel. Our main focus will be to teach the children to write great sentences – making sure they make sense, start with a capital letter, end with a full stop, use finger spaces between words, clear handwriting and developing use of descriptive language.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on developing their number knowledge and confidence through such activities as recognising and ordering numbers, counting both forwards and backwards, number bonds (different ways to make 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10) and 1 more or less than a given number. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies within 10.

Science: Our science topics are 'Ourselves' and 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be naming and labelling parts of our bodies and exploring and investigating using our senses. We will learn about seasonal changes during autumn.

Thematic: This term our theme is 'Here We Are'. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed over time. We will be looking at, creating and identifying key features on a map. During our trip to the park we will be recording human features and physical features in our local area. The children will be creating portraits using a variety of materials. We will design and make a moon buggy using wheels and axles.

Trips and events: This half term we will be looking at buildings in our local area and visiting the local park. In the next half term we will be visiting the Science Museum to take part in some very exciting activities linked to our moon topic.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them daily. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag regularly. They will also be given fully decodable books to read over the week. It is essential that you listen to them read aloud and also that you read to them so they are exposed to a range of different texts. Please write in your child's reading diary on a daily basis to keep us informed of their reading at home, even if it is only your signature. Thematic homework will be sent home every term for the children to complete if they wish. Please encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as shopping lists and invitations. We teach phonics using '**Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**' and they have a huge range of fantastic resources for parents which you can find here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. There are a number of great websites that children can use to help develop their confidence in recognising sounds and words including www.phonicsplay.co.uk and 'alphablocks' on cbeebies. In maths, help your child to count forwards and backwards up to 100 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Helping your child to know their number bonds up to 10 is also invaluable, such as 6+3, 7+2, 8+1 all total 9. We will be sharing further information and resources about the Year 1 curriculum meeting and hope to see many of you then.

Don't forget to check the website regularly at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org

The Year 1 Team

Dates for your diary	
Mondays (some Wednesdays)	PE day for Astronauts Class
Thursdays (some Wednesdays)	PE day for Shooting Stars Class
Friday 19 th September	Jeans for Genes fundraising day
Tuesday 23 rd September 9:15am	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for parents in the hall
Friday 26 th September 9.15am	MacMillan coffee morning
Wednesday 1 st October	KS1 PTFA movie night – more details to follow
Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day
Week commencing 6 th October	Year 1 walks to the local park to observe seasonal changes
Monday 6 th or Wednesday 8 th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 17 th October	Wear red to Show Racism the Red Card
Monday 20 th October	Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 23 rd October	Flu vaccine (information and consent forms sent home via Studybugs)
Thursday 23 rd October	PTFA mufti day
HALF TERM	Friday 24th October – Monday 3rd November. Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November.
Week beginning 10 th November	Friendship week
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 1 visit the Science Museum
Week beginning 1 st December	Scholastic Book Fair at Ecclesbourne
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
Friday 12 th December	PTFA Winter Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (performance 1)
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am (performance 2)
Christmas holidays	Last day of Autumn term Friday 19th December. Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

